

American Freedmen's Aid Union,

69 Nassau Street, New York,

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

My dear Garrison

<sup>137</sup> at request of Mr.  
Prof. Ward Secretary, I  
write to say - that there  
will be a meeting of the  
Board of Managers of  
the Am. F. A. U. in  
Phil<sup>a</sup> on the 11<sup>th</sup> of  
October, immediately  
after the rising of the  
Commission which is to  
meet there that day; &  
that you & Miss  
Lumpson have been ap-:

pointed to his care an address  
to the public, to be reported  
on that occasion, announcing  
the formation of  
the Commission, setting  
forth its object & scope  
& respecting for it the  
favor of the public.

As Thomas Simpson  
is out West & cannot  
be reached, reliance  
is upon you for  
the preparation of the  
document.

I trust that you will  
draw it up. I trust that  
you will be at Mulasa

at the time occupied; & I  
trust that you will agree  
to take part in a public  
meeting to be held in  
the Academy of Music  
that evening in favor  
of this great National  
work.

I am looked to to  
procure speakers & I  
am asked to ask you,  
which I hereby do  
most earnestly. For  
you take up for the  
sake of the old South  
Slavery can do as well

as that of the Freedmen  
I say that you will be  
on hand.

What say you -  
Yes or No?

You can say

Wm. W. Phelps

Of course you are  
not expected to  
come at your own  
charge. The Phelps  
all have  
not been uninterested  
of that matter